

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
June 4, 2003

The Chairman, Leonard Bertin, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 4, 2003.

Present:	L Bertin, member	C Buchanan, member
	S Burt, member	K Gauri, member
	D House, member	N Johnson, member
	P Manetta, alternate	D Kuschinsky, member
	D Pietron, member	J Rodgers, member

Present: M. Grusnick, staff
M McGinnis, staff

Absent: A Done, member
J Shah, alternate

ITEM B - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 7, 2003

Kuschinsky made a motion that the Minutes of May 7, 2003 be approved. Supported by Rodgers. All voted in favor.

ITEM C - VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Vicki Richardson is the new Solid Waste Coordinator for the City of Troy and is also in charge of the Home Chore Program. Vicki has had the position for only a short time, but stated that Oakland County was at the City on Wednesday June 4, 2003 to discuss the program and explain the forms needed for enrollment.

Richardson stated that the contractor for grass cutting this year is new to the City. The name of the service is Kathy's Lawn Service, and she is hoping for a smooth transition. She will also be coordinating snow removal in the winter, but does not know if it will be the same company as last year.

Richardson stated that the Home Chore program in Troy has 84 clients at the present time and it is a federal funded program. She stated that there are no income or age restrictions for persons with disabilities.

Also attending the meeting was Arlene Kass who is on staff of the Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts in Birmingham MI. FAR stands for Fun, Arts and Recreation and is a tax-exempt organization supported by various individuals, groups and corporations. They use the creative arts therapy and recreation services for children and adults with cognitive, physical and/or emotional impairments. Kass would like to have programs available at the Community Center in Troy. Bertin would like to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department review the literature that Mrs. Kass brought with her, it will be forwarded to Carla Vaughn.

ITEM D - NEW BUSINESS

The Detroit Radio Information Service Group is interested in featuring the Disabilities Committee on their radio program. Bertin would like to have Angie Done participate since she has a site impairment. This group is also interested in having a booth at the Disabilities Expo.

ITEM E - REGULAR BUSINESS

Members to attend City Council meetings are as follows:

June 16, 2003	Bertin
July 7, 2003	Buchanan
July 21, 2003	Done

August 4, 2003 Pietron

As is custom this Committee will not meet in the month of July, because of the 4th of July Holiday. It will meet on August 6th to coordinate the ABILITY EXPO activities and organize the booth for the Disabilities Committee.

ITEM F - OLD BUSINESS

Bertin has completed the invitations and application forms for the ABILITY EXPO and they are ready to mail. Several of the Committee members will help get these ready for mailing after the meeting.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEM H - ADJOURN

Kuschinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. D Pietron seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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